

Appl. No. 09/806,197  
Amdt. dated September 24, 2004

### REMARKS

Applicants submit this Supplemental Submission pursuant to a telephone discussion between their representative and Examiner Vogel on December 30, 2004. Applicants' legal representative acknowledges the Examiner's courtesy and constructive comments. This paper responds to her request and suggestions. It is intended that the claims presented as of September 24, 2004 are entered. Claims 2, 11 and 12 are now labeled 'withdrawn' as the Examiner requested. This labeling is without prejudice to Applicants request for rejoinder, especially in view of the proposed amendments to claim 2 and because if claim 1 is allowable so too should the claims relating back (linking) to claim 1. Claim 3 retains the label 'currently amended' and the preamble is changed as the Examiner requested this date. Claim 16 is presented as a clean claim and retains the label "new".

Applicants respectfully incorporate herein by reference their remarks presented in the September 24, 2004 Amendment. If the Examiner allows the elected claims but does not rejoin the non-elected claims, then the Examiner is authorized to cancel the non-elected claims by an Examiner's Amendment.

Applicants have endeavored to respond fully to all outstanding matters. If the Examiner has any question, or if the private contractor has any question, please telephone promptly the undersigned. Applicants wish to ensure that all matters are resolved so that their application is in allowable form. Applicants respectfully submit their application is now is in condition for a Notice of Allowance and respectfully solicit such Notice.

This six (6) page paper has been filed by facsimile this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 2004 to 703-872-9306 and to the Examiner's unofficial facsimile 571-273-0780.

Respectfully submitted,

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